

PLAN FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS SET BEFORE WORLD BY CONFERENCE

purposes for which I asked them to fight and I, like them, must be a crusader for these things whatever it costs and what-

A.E.F. PUGS GO TO ITALY TO DEMONSTRATE ART

Bring out your skates, your B. & B.'s!
Let's have them hollow-ground this year,
For now comes in this morning's breeze
That skating days are here!

We'll skate with Jeanne and Jacqueline
On silver Seine or bleak Moselle
As once, when winter winds were keen,
We did with diabolical Yankee bells!

CHANCE FOR ALL AT INTER-ALLIED MEET

Competing Nations to Have
Equal Voice in Fixing
Official Events

LIST OF SPORTS COMPILED

Each Country Will Choose Events
in Which It Will Participate;
Unique Plan Pleases

One of the fairest and most complete athletic programs ever devised for any Olympic games is being drawn up for the great Inter-Allied contests which will be held at Joinville-le-Pont, near Paris, in the spring.

The invitation basis for the meet gave the impression to many interested persons that the American Army would set forth a fixed program which might include events not generally practiced by other countries and might leave out many of Europe's most popular sports.

Inquiry at American Headquarters developed the fact that officers responsible for the task of drawing up the program are now busily engaged in making up a list of all major sports practiced in the various Allied countries, and that from this list the final program is to be arranged on a basis that will give each competing country, large or small, what amounts to an equal voice in fixing the official events.

New Program Will Be Arranged

A unique plan has been hit upon. The complete list of possible sports is to be sent to each country accepting General Pershing's invitation with the request that each nation make entry in as many of these sports as it desires. Any sport in which at least two countries enter automatically becomes an official event, and a championship contest in that event will be conducted as a part of the games.

Any sport which attracts only one entry will be termed an exhibition event, and that sport will be demonstrated during the games if the country concerned so desires and is prepared to put it on.

This splendid plan gives advantage to no single country, establishes an equal basis for the contest, and insures a contest in any sport in which even so few as two nations may enter and gives every country an opportunity to demonstrate any of its national athletic sports even though no other nation may enter.

It also precludes the possibility of the dissatisfaction that has often marred the Olympic games in the past and is regarded as a distinct advance in arranging a program of international athletic contests.

LONG, LONG TRAIL FOR 1ST ARMY MEN

Road Race from Semur to
Tonnerre Booked for
February 8

A road race from Semur to Tonnerre, a distance of 60 kilometers, is an innovation to be introduced by 1st Army Col. H. M. Wright, commander of the First Army Corps, on Saturday, February 8. Four teams representing the Corps Troops and the 36th, 78th and 80th Divisions will take part.

The teams will be composed entirely of enlisted men, who will wear the regulation O.D. breeches, leggings and field shoes, and an O.D. shirt or sweater. The course from Semur will be through Mont, Montigny, Aisy, Nully, Ancy-le-Franc and Lesignes, to Tonnerre.

One man from each team will be started abreast at Semur, and one man from each team will be posted at each kilometer along the road. The starters will carry the insignia of their corps or division, which will be passed on to the next man. These insignia will be delivered to Maj. Gen. Wright at the finish.

The race will start at 7 o'clock in the morning, and the progress of the runners will be telephoned to the various units and posted on bulletin boards so that every man in the First Army Corps can follow the race. Pacing of the contestants by men, horses, motorcycles, automobiles or trucks is forbidden.

Should it become necessary to relieve any man before he runs his kilometer his team will be charged with the loss of five minutes as well as the distance lost. Ambulances with a medical officer and attendants will follow the man to take care of any runner who finds the pace too swift.

TWO RING CIRCUS AT K. OF C. OPENING

Big Crowd Sees Novelty
Show at Salle Wagram—
Bouts Are Fast

Three thousand fight fans attended the opening of the new Knights of Columbus boxing pavilion in the Salle Wagram Monday evening and witnessed a mammoth entertainment provided for the big event. The new hall, situated midway between the Etoile and Terminus stations, is an ideal place for the holding of athletic events, and the K. of C. management is to be congratulated upon the selection.

Matchmaker Carey promised a novelty for the opener and sprung a double ring system on the fans that kept every pair of eyes busily occupied throughout the night. Speed was the watchword, and the boxers were required to hustle as never before. In one man was knocked out, and the other occupied the vacant ring, and in this way there was action every minute.

Weakness of Two Ring System

As a novelty, the plan was a success, although there were features connected with the new scheme that were not advantageous. For example, the two minute rest between rounds, made necessary while the alternating bout was in progress, robbed a boxer of his lead. It gave a man who was palpably "out" a chance to recuperate, which more than nullified the winning man's chances.

The double ring system exposed one thing—a dearth of American boxers. The M.C. announced that several American boxers had failed to get travel orders. Anyway, the shortage of fighting material was such that the last bout between two French boxers and the resultant scrapping was tame.

MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE HOLDER



When Mike O'Dowd, the middleweight title holder, discards his pack and rifle for the padded mitts, he will be one of the most popular champions in the United States.

O'Dowd is one of the few pugs who actually served at the front in the present war, being a member of Co. F, 55th Engineers. He won his title in Brooklyn shortly before he entered the United States Army.

Unlike most champions, O'Dowd, because of his services overseas, has been unable to reap any financial returns from his title, but we feel sure the fans will not forget the doughty little St. Paul scrapper when he returns home. And we are glad to find a boxing champion who puts patriotism above dollars.

O'Dowd is anxious to box Georges Carpentier, the French battler, but as the Frenchman tops the scales around 175 pounds, he would be too heavy and would have other physical advantages that would make a bout with O'Dowd out of the question.

STAGE ALL SET FOR BIG S. O. S. BATTLE

Intersectional Basketball and
Football Schedules
Made Public

Basketball and football schedules for games to determine the championships of the S.O.S. have been arranged by Major General Harbord, and commencing February 9, when the first football contest will be staged and continuing until March 22, when the last basketball game will have been played, the S.O.S. will devote all its spare time and energy toward the task of developing winning teams.

All intersectional basketball games will take place on indoor courts.

The football schedule is as follows:

FEBRUARY 9.
S.O.S. No. 1 vs. B.S. No. 4—to be played at St. Nazaire.
Inter. Sec. vs. B.S. No. 5—to be played at Tours.
S.O.S. No. 2 vs. B.S. No. 7—to be played at Marseilles.
S.O.S. No. 3 vs. Adv. Sec.—to be played at Bordeaux.
B.S. No. 3 vs. Paris—to be played at Paris.

The semi-finals will be played on February 16 and the final game for the championship of the S.O.S., on February 22, at places to be designated later. The teams playing in the finals will immediately thereafter go into training for the A.E.F. championship games. Officials for each game will be selected by the athletic officers of the sections concerned.

Basketball Schedule

The schedule for the S.O.S. intersectional basketball championship is as follows:

Feb. 22—S.O.S. No. 1 vs. B.S. No. 3—at Adv. Sec. 1
S.O.S. No. 2 vs. B.S. No. 4—at Adv. Sec. 2
S.O.S. No. 3 vs. B.S. No. 5—at Adv. Sec. 3
S.O.S. No. 4 vs. B.S. No. 6—at Adv. Sec. 4
S.O.S. No. 5 vs. B.S. No. 7—at Adv. Sec. 5
S.O.S. No. 6 vs. B.S. No. 8—at Adv. Sec. 6
S.O.S. No. 7 vs. B.S. No. 9—at Adv. Sec. 7
S.O.S. No. 8 vs. B.S. No. 10—at Adv. Sec. 8
S.O.S. No. 9 vs. B.S. No. 11—at Adv. Sec. 9
S.O.S. No. 10 vs. B.S. No. 12—at Adv. Sec. 10
S.O.S. No. 11 vs. B.S. No. 13—at Adv. Sec. 11
S.O.S. No. 12 vs. B.S. No. 14—at Adv. Sec. 12
S.O.S. No. 13 vs. B.S. No. 15—at Adv. Sec. 13
S.O.S. No. 14 vs. B.S. No. 16—at Adv. Sec. 14
S.O.S. No. 15 vs. B.S. No. 17—at Adv. Sec. 15
S.O.S. No. 16 vs. B.S. No. 18—at Adv. Sec. 16
S.O.S. No. 17 vs. B.S. No. 19—at Adv. Sec. 17
S.O.S. No. 18 vs. B.S. No. 20—at Adv. Sec. 18
S.O.S. No. 19 vs. B.S. No. 21—at Adv. Sec. 19
S.O.S. No. 20 vs. B.S. No. 22—at Adv. Sec. 20
S.O.S. No. 21 vs. B.S. No. 23—at Adv. Sec. 21
S.O.S. No. 22 vs. B.S. No. 24—at Adv. Sec. 22
S.O.S. No. 23 vs. B.S. No. 25—at Adv. Sec. 23
S.O.S. No. 24 vs. B.S. No. 26—at Adv. Sec. 24
S.O.S. No. 25 vs. B.S. No. 27—at Adv. Sec. 25
S.O.S. No. 26 vs. B.S. No. 28—at Adv. Sec. 26
S.O.S. No. 27 vs. B.S. No. 29—at Adv. Sec. 27
S.O.S. No. 28 vs. B.S. No. 30—at Adv. Sec. 28
S.O.S. No. 29 vs. B.S. No. 31—at Adv. Sec. 29
S.O.S. No. 30 vs. B.S. No. 32—at Adv. Sec. 30
S.O.S. No. 31 vs. B.S. No. 33—at Adv. Sec. 31
S.O.S. No. 32 vs. B.S. No. 34—at Adv. Sec. 32
S.O.S. No. 33 vs. B.S. No. 35—at Adv. Sec. 33
S.O.S. No. 34 vs. B.S. No. 36—at Adv. Sec. 34
S.O.S. No. 35 vs. B.S. No. 37—at Adv. Sec. 35
S.O.S. No. 36 vs. B.S. No. 38—at Adv. Sec. 36
S.O.S. No. 37 vs. B.S. No. 39—at Adv. Sec. 37
S.O.S. No. 38 vs. B.S. No. 40—at Adv. Sec. 38
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S.O.S. No. 94 vs. B.S. No. 96—at Adv. Sec. 94
S.O.S. No. 95 vs. B.S. No. 97—at Adv. Sec. 95
S.O.S. No. 96 vs. B.S. No. 98—at Adv. Sec. 96
S.O.S. No. 97 vs. B.S. No. 99—at Adv. Sec. 97
S.O.S. No. 98 vs. B.S. No. 100—at Adv. Sec. 98
S.O.S. No. 99 vs. B.S. No. 101—at Adv. Sec. 99
S.O.S. No. 100 vs. B.S. No. 102—at Adv. Sec. 100

29TH DIVISION PUGS WIN ALL THEIR FIGHTS

The pick of the 29th Division's mitt wielders came to Paris Friday night, and gave an exhibition of boxing that has not been equaled at the K. of C. hall since they inaugurated their weekly shows. The boys went into the ring full of confidence and in the pink of condition as the result of the training they received under the tutelage of Sgt. "Spike" Webb.

Fifteen boxers were brought to the Cinema des Arts by Capt. J. E. Hodges, V.C., and Tom McNally, K. of C. secretary, and they carried off every fight, although pitted against some of the best boxers of France in their respective weights.

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YANK FIGHTERS OFF ON ITALIAN TOUR

Best A.E.F. Ring Material
Selected for Trip to
Land of Caesars

REAL CHAMP HEADS GROUP

Mike O'Dowd, Al Norton, Bud
Clancy, Gene Payo and Gene
Delmont With Party

Nine of the best boxers in the A.E.F. in three different weights, left yesterday for Italy where they will demonstrate the fine points of the ring game in Milan, Florence and Rome. Jimmy Bronson, Y.M.C.A. athletic director, selected the men and is accompanying them on the trip.

As was to be expected, Mike O'Dowd, middleweight champion of the world, of Co. F, 55th Engineers, heads the list. The others are Al Norton, light-heavyweight champion of the Pacific coast, Base Hospital 95; Bud Clancy, light-heavyweight champion of the Middle West, Headquarters Troop, 35th Division; Gene Delmont, of Memphis, contender for the lightweight title, 148 Aero Squadron; Gene Payo, of El Paso, lightweight champion of Mexico, Senior Chaplain's Detachment, 1st Army; Joe Tierney, formerly assistant boxing instructor at Camp Dix, N. J., now with the Postal Express Service; Jimmy Foley, of St. Louis, contender for the featherweight title, G.H.Q.; Kid Dayton, of Dayton, Ohio, contender for the featherweight title, 20th Air Depot; and Johnnie Butcher, of Philadelphia, also contender for featherweight honors, Headquarters Company, First Army.

Battle Under Assumed Names
It is an odd coincidence that of this entire party, only three are boxing under their own names. Norton's right name is A. E. Breaux. Clancy's is John R. Bolger. Payo's is Eugene Ortega. Delmont's is Ernest Barasso. Dayton's is Frank Reisinger. Foley's is Herbert Green, and Jimmy Bronson, himself, in civil life, is James Dougherty.

All of the men are private except Foley and Clancy and one—Gene Delmont—speaks or understands Italian.

In making his selection, Bronson took into consideration every available boxer in the A.E.F. regardless of where he was stationed and he believes he picked the nine best men at the weights who will take place in Milan February 7 when many prominent officials of the Italian government, Army and Navy will be present by invitation.

The 5th Division team will come all the way from Germany to play at Gondrecourt.

Revival of boxing in the A.E.F., coupled with announcement of the Army plans to stage elimination contests with a view to deciding A.E.F. championships in all classes from bantam to heavyweights, has given an impetus to athletics in the United States and plans are now under way to draw up national laws governing the many art, in order that boxing may be accorded its legitimate place in the realm of sports over there.

BOXING COMMISSION PLANNED FOR U. S.

Contests in A.E.F. Give New
Impetus to Fistic Sport
in States

The Army, Navy and Civilian Boxing Board is the name of the new organization which seeks to elevate the game in the States. It is being backed by many notable Americans, including former President William H. Taft, Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, along the lines of the A.E.F. championships. Many radical changes are planned in the system of handling bouts. The board seeks the abolition of faults which have marred boxing exhibitions in the past and hopes, by the acquisition of reputable and influential sportsmen as charter members of the organization, to bring about an improvement.

Laws to Legalize Bouts

The program includes the drawing up of national laws to legalize boxing. Prominent among the proposed features are the establishment of State championships, the winners to be contenders for national championships in all classes—this apparatus along the lines of the A.E.F. championships; the reclassification of boxers with rigid rules for bouts, action looking toward the repeal of all State laws prohibiting boxing and the setting up of boxing laws of the sport so as to enable it to occupy an honored place in the sphere of athletics.

Officers and men of the A.E.F., actively identified with recreative sports over here, have long recognized the need of better boxing laws in the United States, and in letters back home have expressed their opinions in vigorous terms. Ex-President Taft, it is said, has undertaken the task of drawing up the new national boxing laws and anything which may be done along the lines indicated will have the unqualified approval of fight fans in the A.E.F.

AVIATOR'S HEADGEAR FOR FOOTBALL TEAM

Pigskin Warriors of 88th
Division Improve
Gridiron Togs

Aviation and football have but little in common except that both have "beats" down but aviation will play a prominent part in the football season of the 88th Division which opens February 8 when the Hunhuksers clash with the 5th Division near Gondrecourt.

Failure to obtain football suits had the pigskin warriors of the 88th worried for awhile but they were not to be thwarted by such a small obstacle and got busy and improved their togs.

They got aviation caps for their heads. Red Cross sweaters in place of jerseys, and padded their blue denim fatigue pants for use as football breeches. They went to Nancy and bought woolen stockings and for shoes they added cleats to their old Army kicks.

For the past week the 88th eleven has been having daily football practice. The French weather man being very unaccommodating about drying off the field. When the hangars are fixed up ashes and straw may make footing secure.

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NINTH ARMY CORPS TO HOLD BIG RIFLE MATCH

The first A.E.F. rifle match to be held on the upper Meuse this winter will be an inter-divisional shoot between troops in the Ninth Army Corps, commencing February 15.

Try-outs for divisional teams in preparation for the coming contest were inaugurated last Friday at Gondrecourt.

The elimination process is going to be a thorough one. Company matches are being held to pick men for regimental contests; the winners will shoot to select brigade winners and they in turn will shoot to determine those who will take part in the final matches when teams will be selected to represent the various divisions.

FULTZ NAMED HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Lieut. David Fultz, U.S. Aviation Service, and his wife, who have been playing with the player of Brown University, has succeeded John H. Farrell as president of the International Baseball League.

Following his career at college, Fultz took up professional baseball, playing with the Baltimore Nationals and the New York and Philadelphia American League teams.

In 1912 he organized the Baseball Players' Fraternity and ran it successfully until 1917 when it went on the rocks following a "strike" of the players.

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NEW ENGLAND SPEED KING



The whole A.E.F. is interested in the outcome of the challenge issued by Jack Ruping, two-mile New England ice skating champion, to meet any man in the world in a series of eight races, judging by the response all over France.

The races would be 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, three-quarter mile, one mile, two mile, three mile and 220 yard hurdle, with point scoring to pick the winner, 30 points for first, 20 points for second, and ten points for third.

Mathieson, the European champion, is at present in the United States, and Robert McLean, present world's title holder, is in the Navy, so that it is impossible to bring these three together, but an A.E.F. championship tournament may be arranged.

SKATER'S CHALLENGE FINDS MANY TAKERS

Pickering and Lamy With
Those Who Would Race
Against Ruping

When Jack Ruping, the Watervliet, N. Y., boy, holder of the tri-county and New England two-mile ice skating championships, issued his challenge to skaters in the A.E.F., he started something. Skaters of known ability are coming to the front with offers to take him on and every mail adds to the list.

George Pickering, the New York Athletic Club's ice king, now a member of Battery E, 308th Field Artillery, and holder of the one mile Metropolitan Outdoor championship, sends word he will race Ruping any distance. Frank P. Danahy, New England one and three mile champion, of the Headquarters Hospital Center, Commerce, also accepts the challenge.

Edward Lamy, the Saranac Lake speed marvel, veteran skater, and former world's champion, emerged from his dug-out long enough to read Ruping's challenge, then grabbed a pen and scribbled off an answer "tout de suite."

Ready to Go Home

"It is almost impossible for me to meet Ruping," wrote Lamy, "owing to the fact that my outfit is getting ready to return home, but if either he or any of his friends wish to post a good side bet in order to make it worth while, I will be willing to stay in France for a race, providing the matter can be arranged with the military authorities."

The champion of the Nutmeg State, old rock-ribbed Connecticut, was also heard from in the person of Stephen Eddy, Headquarters Company, 6th Infantry. Other men with records anxious to pit their skill against that of the New Yorker are Joseph A. Kott, First Air Depot, Polish champion of Chicago; Carl Lyle, Company A, 307th Engineers, amateur champion of Michigan; Floyd M. Davis, M.S.T.U., 2, amateur champion of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota; Gordon E. Kienzie, U.S. Hospital

60,000 MEN FILL ST. AIGNAN CAMP; 270,000 ASSIGNED Anyone, Brigadier General or Muleskinner, Furnished to Order CASUALS GO IN COMPANIES

Departing Troops Grouped According to Localities from Which They Came in States

There is one beautiful thing about St. Aignan besides the mud. You don't stay there very long. St. Aignan is the habitat of the First Depot Division. It has been working as such for some time, but it did not blaze so conspicuously into the public A.E.F. eye as a replacement center as it has done since becoming a rung on the ladder that leads home.

For things are moving at St. Aignan. Time was when a hurried telephone call, with a properly authoritative voice behind it, would result in travel orders for a muleskinner, a bugler or a brigadier general. Would you have a druggist's assistant, a mechanic, a printer, an authority on Assyrian and Babylonian mural decorations? Call St. Aignan. There are still 60,000 men to pick from.

But they are playing a more interesting game at St. Aignan now. It is called "States." To be eligible to play it, a man must be a casual, the more casual the better. Sides are chosen according to the part of the country—America, not France—that the casuals came from, and when 150 men have been assembled into a company, the race for the transports is begun.

Last year St. Aignan sent home 40 casual companies. In the first three weeks and a few days over the present year St. Aignan has sent home 55 casual companies. And this increase is expected to gain steadily.

Tabs on Men's Abilities

The casual companies are formed out of men who have been wounded or recently discharged from a sick bed in a hospital—men, in a word, disqualified for replacement service.

But just being assigned to St. Aignan doesn't necessarily mean a quick trip home. Up at 41st Division headquarters is a corporal who keeps a perfect set of books. He keeps a trial balance of his casuals and replacements each month, and not yet has he got his accounts mixed. No piano tuners charged up as steamfitters, no dramatic critics ticketed as card sharps.

He knows, that corporal, or he can find out in a jiffy, how many bricklayers have been received at the camp and what has become of them. He can run his finger down an index and supply an accumulator expert, accountant, bicyclist, bank clerk, carriage man, entertainer, lumberman, male nurse, tailor, upholsterer and welder all on a single travel order.

St. Aignan, in the twelvemonth that ended December 31, received and re-assigned 270,000 soldiers to 987 different organizations.

A total of 1,643 clerks were supplied, and, when it looked as though the supply might run out, a school was started and clerks made to order. So were surgical assistants, and 21,151 supplied to units that needed them.

Officers? Thousands of them. Here is St. Aignan's 1918 account: Colonels, 22; lieutenant colonels, 31; majors, 113; captains, 560; first lieutenants, 1,715; second lieutenants, 1,527.

ANGERS RECALLS DAYS SPENT IN TRAINING CAMPS

It's anything but a gay life at the casual officers' camp at Angers. Picture several hundred wearers of an Brownies turning out into the chill morning at reveille, answering roll call.

Up for news, attending morning afternoon drill formations, polishing their own quarters—in barracks—getting "called" occasionally for improper saluting or for an untimely blouse, "making quiet" after 10 p. m., and you have an idea of the lot of casual officers at Angers.

To the casual officer at Angers there is much that is reminiscent of rookie days in the training camps. Casual officers arriving at the camp are formed in line, given a number, relieved of enough francs to pay for ten days' grub at eight francs a day, assigned a room, and advised to read the bulletin board.

One notice on the bulletin board informs the newcomer that the penalty for violation of rules is restriction to quarters and being placed at the foot of the priority home-going list.

There are picture shows and Angers itself to see, but the great test of a casual officer is watching the bulletin board for the names of officers designated to sail.

It's anything but a gay life at Angers these days.

OLD SEDAN GUNS HIDDEN IN TRIER

Weapons Used in War of 1870 Found in Army Storehouse

Again and again the fact has been borne in upon the men of the American Army that the German is absolutely set against salvaging obsolete military equipment.

Another instance of this fact came to light at Trier recently, where the Germans are turning over to the Americans a lot of salvage. There are three main army warehouses at Trier, each of which contained a lot of equipment. Here the salvage officers found, among other things, limbers and caissons that in all probability had not turned a wheel since the return from Sedan in 1871—and they may have been used in the war, against Denmark in 1864, or at Sadowna, against the Austrians, two years later.

In addition, some old saddles were found, though from them the Germans, with what reluctance can be imagined, had removed the leather. There were 60,000 hand grenades of modern manufacture and 16,000 rifles of which 2,000 were taken from civilians. Trier was a minor demobilization center following the signing of the armistice.

Eight thousand anti-aircraft shells have been found in dumps on the heights surrounding the city, and these have been ordered destroyed. Two 105mm. anti-aircraft guns mounted in positions on the heights, also have been ordered removed.

IT'S AS CHILLY IN GERMANY AS IT IS ANYWHERE ELSE THESE DAYS

The ex-Kaiser is still missing. It happened at Metz, headquarters of the 6th Brigade, Third Army, where a bust of the last Hohenzollern was mounted in an ornate pedestal in a little open space not far from headquarters. On a joyous evening, while everybody who could afford it was making merry, the bust disappeared.

Where did it go? Nobody knew. But there had been a light fall of snow in the night, and through this snow, between the pedestal and the river, there were visible footprints, partly obliterated by what seemed to be the dragging of a heavy object over them. The footprints went down to the river bank. They went back, without the heavy object.

The bust is still missing.

Near Hausen, on the road to Mayen, is a cannon—a German cannon. It sits unhonored and unused, near one end of the village, and it may be added to the number of guns being handed over to the Allies by the Germans and it may not.

But it is rapidly becoming a landmark. Children play in the sand and mud beneath it. The women of the neighborhood gather there to gossip. The men discuss the state of internal affairs while leaning over it. Boys play about it. American soldiers examine it, discuss it, and try its levers and wheels. And the other day a great red rooster mounted upon the point of its muzzle and emitted a long, loud, triumphant crow. The best part of it was that an outfit of Yanks was marching through the village at the time.

It is as hard to get into Coblenz as it is to get out of it. At the Ehrenbreitstein fortress, just across the river, are Kentuckians who have never been in a real big city, or even a medium-sized one like Coblenz, and there are New Yorkers and New Jerseyites who have tasted metropolitan sweets and have a great hankering for seconds.

They are on top of the big rock, with the winding, yellow beckoning lights just across the river, with the music, the cafes, the commissary and everything, and they can't get across.

A young artilleryman whose outfit is located near Mayen was curious about the high peak that overshadows his billet. There came from over the tip of the peak daily and nightly a constant clanking and screaming, explosions, and then, when the wind was in the right direction, the hoarse shouting of men. "What in the world could it be? Was the war starting up again?"

Orders were that no soldier should go more than 300 yards from his billet, and the colonel meant what he said. He had proved it on numerous occasions. But the youth was miserable. Finally one night he stole away, climbed the peak, and looked over the crest—down into a stone quarry.

The royal chapel of the Kaiser's Palace at Coblenz, where Protestant church services for Americans are held every Sunday morning, has had an interesting history. The chapel dates back to before 1813, but it first sprang into prominence in that year, when Napoleon's soldiers used it as a stable. The former German emperor, who used to visit Coblenz frequently in 1914-15, used to worship here. Catholic services are held every Sunday in the Carmelite church.

There is a certain grim picturesqueness about camouflage these days. When a truck appears in the streets of Coblenz still bearing upon it traces of the magic paint of other days, it focuses the German eye almost as quickly as does an American band or a column of rubber.

"No, I wasn't broke," declared William Williams, colored cook in a Stevedore company near Bordeaux, as he reminisciently slipped another spud into the kettle of water. Cook Williams had just stated that he was commander of a company of his own back in Louisiana before the war. The company consisted of Mrs. Williams and 26 little Williams.

"I will admit, though," he continued, "that it kept me pretty busy getting enough taters and hoe cakes and fried chicken to feed that bunch. It was a bigger job than I have now—feeding a couple of hundred hungry Stevedores."

The American Naval Air station at Pambouf, just a few miles from St. Nazaire, boasts a jail that has never had a prisoner.

The building, which is thoroughly modern in every particular, was completed a week before the signing of the armistice. It took the place of a dilapidated structure that has served France in peace time. Navy officers found that the window frame could be removed by anyone inside the building, and decided it was too unstable for a guard-house.

The cessation of hostilities and the demobilization of the Air station personnel, which has since begun, coming just after the construction of the new building wrecked its chances of usefulness.

HEARD IN THE S.O.S.

"R.T.O. Pvt. J. F. O'Neal." This is the sign which catches the eye at the entrance to the Transportation Office at La Rochelle—back—from Philadelphia, but is holding down a job which in most places is turned over to a commissioned officer.

The boys, naturally, call him captain.

"To treat prisoners the way the United States treats them is typical of the humanity of the Americans."

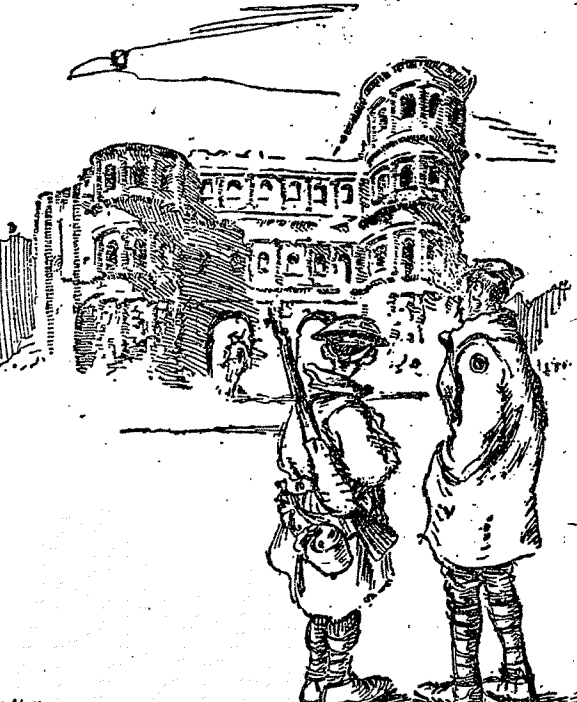
This was the tribute paid by a German prisoner at La Rochelle last week when one of his comrades from Germany was buried with military honors.

The dead prisoner of war was helping in the Race to Berlin when his death occurred from pneumonia. The camp commander gave orders that the funeral should be military. An American chaplain participated in the ceremonies. His address was followed by that of a comrade of the dead man, who paid the, above tribute.

Next to the A.P.M.'s at Marseille and Lyon who have to listen coldly to the best reasons why men on leave have to stop over between trains, the American guards on duty at the Italian frontier near Mentone have the job-most wearing on sympathy. Every day permissionnaires from Cannes and Nice and Mentone come to the border looking for a chance to get over into Italy to visit relatives.

"My father is in Trieste and I haven't seen him for five years," said one soldier. "Can't you look the other way for a few minutes?"

"Nothing doing!" said the guard. "You'd get picked up by the gendarmes in the first town in Italy."



THE ROMAN RUIN AT TRIER

"Gee, we certainly bombed hell out o' th' Opry House, didn't we?"

ber-booted doughboys. It seems such a relic of the past—a stately Spanish caravan among modern battleships, a golden piece of eight among a lot of silver American half dollars.

Four sailors from Brest breezed into Coblenz last week and throughout their stay provided one of the sights of the town. "Just cruising around," they said in response to queries as to how they had stayed so far from salt water.

One of the finest banners in the Third Army is being flaunted by members of

the 322nd Field Signal Battalion, stationed in Coblenz. The banner is the gift of the organization's former commander, Lieut. Col. Sosthenes Behn, made just before his departure for the States. The banner is of orange silk, with the familiar crossed flags of the Signal Corps, and beneath them an eagle clasping arrows in his talons.

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Coblenz is now a limited leave area and 2,000 fresh buyers from the Third Army, not to mention thousands of other transients, are in the city every day. Iron Crosses of the first class went from three marks to nine—and then leaped to 12 and 18. One store demands 40. Crosses of the second class are 12 marks. They used to be two and six. Most of the helmets in the region are now on their way to the States. The leather ones brought 40, 50, 60 and more marks each. And yet, word from Cologne is that these relics are going begging at nine marks.

The delicatessen stores continue to do a roaring business. The pastry is the nearest approach to the real stuff many members of the Third Army have had since they landed, and they're taking advantage of it. And the photographic galleries—you can scarcely get into them, everybody wants to have his picture taken in Coblenz, it seems, in order to prove to the folks at home that he had gazed upon the Rhine.

Reading one's shirt seems just as popular an indoor sport as ever, even officers of high rank taking part in the pastime even and anon. All Germany seems to have been smitten, due chiefly to the fact that when the armistice was signed the soldiers called it a war and departed for their homes, taking their guests right along with them. Hotels have not escaped.

Incidentally, there is the story of the luckless doughboy who read faithfully and diligently, meanwhile hoarding each piece of issue clothing—against the time when he went to seek his bundle, after outfit. Then for a bath and freedom. Alas! He had his new clothes wrapped up in a newspaper in a disused room of his billets. It was decided to throw all old clothing into the disused room; and when he went to seek his bundle, after drawing his last necessary bit of clothing, he found it buried beneath a pile of the costliest clothes in all Germany.

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